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**Michigan State Police Gives Grant
To Tighten Local Homeland Security**

(LANSING) – State Senator Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) is pleased to announce that the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Community Service Commission recently awarded Detroit Citizen Corps., a community security group, a \$40,000 grant to train ordinary citizens to respond to local emergencies and disasters.

“This grant puts the power and will of people to work for the greater community,” Sen. Clark-Coleman said. “I commend the State Police and the Community Service Commission on their efforts to prepare us for unforeseen emergencies,” she added.

The Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program trains first responders (fire, police and emergency management professionals) who then instruct community members. Areas of preparation include basic lifesaving, light rescue, light fire fighting, triage and basic first aid.

Funding for such grants also supports local Citizen Corps Councils that provide assistance on issues relating to homeland security. These councils include volunteer organizations, community leaders, first responders and everyday citizens.

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State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3rd Senate District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.